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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

**In re:**

**PG&E CORPORATION,**

**-and-**

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,**

**Debtors.**

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation  
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric  
Company  
☒ Affects both Debtors

*\* All papers shall be filed in the lead  
case,  
No. 19-30088 (DM)*

Ch. 11 Bankr. Case No. 19-30088 (DM) (Jointly Admin.)

**DECLARATION OF BENJAMIN P. MCCALLEN IN  
SUPPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF  
SUBROGATION CLAIM HOLDERS' REPLY IN  
SUPPORT OF DEBTORS' MOTION PURSUANT  
TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b) AND 105(A) AND FED. R.  
BANKR. P. 6004 AND 9019 FOR ENTRY OF AN  
ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO  
ENTER INTO RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CONSENTING  
SUBROGATION CLAIMHOLDERS, (II)  
APPROVING THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT  
WITH SUCH CONSENTING SUBROGATION  
CLAIMHOLDERS, INCLUDING THE ALLOWED  
SUBROGATION CLAIM AMOUNT, AND (III)  
GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Date: October 23, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)  
Place: United States Bankruptcy Court  
Courtroom 17, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

1 I, Benjamin P. McCallen, declare as follows:

2 1. I am a member of the Firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, counsel to the Ad Hoc  
3 Group of Subrogation Claim Holders (the “**Ad Hoc Subrogation Group**”). I submit this  
4 Declaration in Support of the Ad Hoc Subrogation Group’s Reply in Support of Debtor’s Motion  
5 Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b) and 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004 and 9019.  
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7 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the Transcript of  
8 Proceedings, *In re PG&E Corp. and Pac. Gas and Elec. Co.*, No. 19-30088 (Sept. 24, 2019).

9 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the Transcript of  
10 Proceedings, *In re PG&E Corp. and Pac. Gas and Elec. Co.*, No. 19-30088 (October 7, 2019).

11 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the 30(b)(6)  
12 Deposition of Homer Parkhill, *In re PG&E Corp. and Pac. Gas and Elec. Co.*, No. 19-30088 (Oct.  
13 10, 2019).  
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15 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of a letter from Matthew  
16 Feldman, counsel to the Ad Hoc Subrogation Group, to the 9019 Motion Objectors (Oct. 21, 2019).

17 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true  
18 and correct and that I would be competent to testify thereto if called upon to do so.  
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20 Executed on the 21st day of October, 2019 at New York, New York.  
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24 /s/ Benjamin P. McCallen

25 Benjamin P. McCallen  
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**Exhibit 1**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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In Re: ) Case No. 19-30088  
 ) Chapter 11  
PG&E CORPORATION AND PACIFIC )  
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY ) San Francisco, California  
 ) Tuesday, September 24, 2019  
Debtors. ) 9:30 AM  
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STATUS CONFERENCE RE:  
DEBTOR'S PLAN  
  
FIFTH OMNIBUS MOTION OF THE  
DEBTORS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C.  
SECTION 365(A), FED. R.  
BANKR. P. 6006, AND B.L.R.  
6006-1 FOR AN ORDER APPROVING  
ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN REAL  
PROPERTY LEASES ("LEASE  
ASSUMPTION MOTION") [3726]

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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1 things, just to do exactly what I don't want to do, is get into  
2 the merits. I found it strange to read the TCCs papers to have  
3 them citing a case that is so pivotal that went the wrong way.  
4 Normally, I was told, don't cite a case that went the wrong way  
5 if you think it's making your point. And I don't, so -- but  
6 Mr. Feldman, help me. Should I have Mr. Karotkin coordinate  
7 with the other parties --

8 MR. FELDMAN: Well, here --

9 THE COURT: -- to tee up the legal issues, or not?

10 MR. FELDMAN: Well, here is what I was going to say,  
11 Your Honor. I think this legal issue is teed up, and I think  
12 it's teed up in connection with the soon-to-be-filed motion to  
13 approve our settlement. So I think the Court is going to have  
14 to deal with this issue in connection with that motion.  
15 But what I would also say, which I did not intend to say as I  
16 was sitting in the courtroom today, until Mr. Qureshi got up,  
17 is that, frankly, Your Honor, I'm not sure how you can rule on  
18 the exclusivity motion without having resolved this issue  
19 because it's fundamental to their plan that they be able to  
20 subordinate the subrogation claims.

21 THE COURT: Well --

22 MR. FELDMAN: And Mr. Qureshi suggested, through  
23 announcing settlement proposals, that maybe it's not  
24 fundamental, but I'm not going to go down that road. I'm going  
25 to -- I'm going to -- I'm going to comment only on what's in

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1 the record today, which is a plan that seeks to subordinate us.

2 Which if it's dead in the water --

3 THE COURT: Well, but --

4 MR. FELDMAN: -- before we start --

5 THE COURT: But that's --

6 MR. FELDMAN: -- why are you terminating exclusivity  
7 for?

8 THE COURT: Well, that's my point. If it's dead in  
9 the water as a matter of law, I wouldn't terminate, so --

10 MR. FELDMAN: Correct, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: I --

12 MR. FELDMAN: Well, then we have to tee it up between  
13 now and whatever date Your Honor decides we ought to hear  
14 exclusivity. But I think it's more appropriately teed up in  
15 connection with the company's 9019 motion related to our  
16 settlement, which I expect --

17 THE COURT: What --

18 MR. FELDMAN: -- will be filed today.

19 THE COURT: Well, when do you -- well, so I had talked  
20 to Mr. Karotkin before about --

21 MR. FELDMAN: I believe he told you it was going to be  
22 teed up for the 23rd.

23 THE COURT: The 23rd. So I mean, this is not going to  
24 sit well with your opponents, here, but --

25 MR. FELDMAN: But I think they've given --

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1 THE COURT: -- should I --

2 MR. FELDMAN: -- you this, Your Honor. I wasn't  
3 planning to stand up and say this, but I don't see how it could  
4 be done otherwise.

5 THE COURT: Well, I didn't -- I didn't think about a  
6 separate 9019 motion until I read a little bit more on the  
7 documents that were filed yesterday. So I read -- I know  
8 that -- I knew that there was this eleven-billion-dollar  
9 settlement and wasn't surprised to see it make it to the  
10 revised plan. But what struck me as different was to hear it  
11 is also coming as a 9019 motion. It didn't -- I don't get  
12 worried about it, I don't think it's the wrong thing to do,  
13 it's just something I didn't anticipate because I thought it  
14 would be a plan issue.

15 So but your point is a good point. If it's relevant  
16 to exclusivity, then the question is, should I tier exclusivity  
17 and the 9019 motion all together, and you're making a good  
18 argument that maybe I should do that, which is not what the  
19 exclusivity -- opponents of exclusivity want to hear. But it  
20 would be unfortunate to have everybody rush discovery, rush  
21 briefing, rush an argument, only to have me come out here on  
22 the 7th and say, continue to --

23 MR. FELDMAN: Can't decide it, right.

24 THE COURT: Can't decide it.

25 MR. FELDMAN: Right.

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1 (Recess from 11:27 a.m., until 11:43 a.m.)

2 THE CLERK: All rise.

3 THE COURT: Okay, please remain seated. You're all  
4 standing up anyway.

5 So I took a minute before -- a little longer than I  
6 expected, because we were checking our calendars. And I  
7 checked with my staff, and I'm sorry about that mix-up on the  
8 holiday -- the Jewish holiday. We cleared dates -- all the  
9 PG&E dates in advance, and so maybe that slipped through. But  
10 again, after we hear from the other counsel, I'll figure out  
11 what to do about rescheduling what we need to reschedule, so,  
12 let's go --

13 MR. STAMER: Good afternoon, Your Honor. For the  
14 record, Mike Stamer from Akin Gump, on behalf of the ad hoc  
15 noteholder group.

16 Your Honor, I am not going to be responding to Mr.  
17 Bennett's comments, including his comments about the  
18 credibility of the tort victims' lawyers. I assume there'll be  
19 a few people in the courtroom that will be responding to that.

20 THE COURT: Well, I'm not going to take any action on  
21 that anyway, but --

22 MR. STAMER: Understood. Your Honor, what I'm  
23 standing up to do, hopefully, is take a legal issue -- a legal  
24 issue off your plate.

25 Mr. Feldman, in his presentation, talked about the



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1 issue associated with subordination between the tort claims and  
2 the subrogation claimants. I can announce to the Court, and  
3 I've conferred with counsel for the TCC, that we anticipate, in  
4 advance of the hearing on the 7th that we will be modifying our  
5 term sheet, that we will be increasing the twenty-four number  
6 to a larger number, and we will be providing the full eleven  
7 billion dollars to the subrogation claimants, the same amount  
8 that is being offered or settled by the company.

9 We believe that this renders the subordination issue  
10 academic.

11 THE COURT: Well, are they pari passu or similar? I  
12 mean, are they going to be treated equally?

13 MR. STAMER: They'll be treated such that eleven  
14 billion dollars will be carved out for the benefit of the  
15 subrogation claimants.

16 THE COURT: But pro rata or pari passu or some other  
17 legal term that doesn't --

18 MR. STAMER: We can use whatever Latin you need to,  
19 Judge. That --

20 THE COURT: Any language will do.

21 MR. STAMER: -- but the bottom line is that they have  
22 asked for and negotiated with the company for an eleven-  
23 billion-dollar pool of capital: cash, potentially some other  
24 noncash items.

25 As Mr. Qureshi said before, we actually offered that

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1 to the subrogation claimants over the weekend. And Your Honor,  
2 we will put that offer in a modified term sheet --

3 THE COURT: But listen --

4 MR. STAMER: Yes, sure.

5 THE COURT: -- my question is -- because I'll have to  
6 look at this document. And will it tell the eleven-billion-  
7 dollar class members that they are going to be paid in the same  
8 priority which the tort victims will be paid?

9 MR. STAMER: Your Honor, the answer is yes.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. STAMER: I believe the way it will work is there  
12 will be segregated pools of capital.

13 THE COURT: That's fine.

14 MR. STAMER: And therefore they will be treated the  
15 same as the other tort victims.

16 Your Honor, as I think you heard from Mr. Qureshi,  
17 what we have done is we have agreed with the TCC to a pool of  
18 capital that will be available to settle all of the tort  
19 claims.

20 THE COURT: So --

21 MR. STAMER: And that number is twenty-four billion  
22 dollars.

23 THE COURT: But it's going up.

24 MR. STAMER: And I'm happy to stand up and say, Your  
25 Honor, it's going up. Competition is a good thing.

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1 THE COURT: Okay, but my point is, I don't care  
2 whether it's going up or not, you've made it clear to me -- I  
3 take it you believe, Mr. Stamer, that if we're having this  
4 exclusivity hearing on the 7th or some other day, I won't be  
5 told that the plan is dead as a matter of law because of an  
6 improper or impermissible subordination --

7 MR. STAMER: That is correct, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: -- of a class?

9 MR. STAMER: That is --

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. STAMER: -- it took me a little while to get  
12 there, but that's exactly why I'm standing up, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Well, you --

14 MR. STAMER: We are taking that legal issue off of  
15 your plate. We anticipate the subrogation claimants -- it's  
16 the eleven billion dollars they're focused on, not focused on  
17 whose money that is. So we anticipate this will completely  
18 remove that issue from contention, and therefore, we should be  
19 clear to go forward on the 7th.

20 THE COURT: It won't get rid of the make-whole  
21 argument, if that's a part -- a separate issue.

22 MR. STAMER: The made-whole argument -- you're talking  
23 about the argument that is assertible by the tort claimants --

24 THE COURT: I --

25 MR. STAMER: -- to be made whole --

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1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 MR. STAMER: -- for amounts not covered by insurance?

3 Correct, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Yeah.

5 MR. STAMER: This does not address that issue.

6 THE COURT: It's a different issue.

7 MR. STAMER: That is an issue that will likely come up  
8 in connection with the motion to approve the settlement with  
9 the subros; and leading that charge, I anticipate, will be the  
10 tort claimants committee and individual tort claimants.

11 THE COURT: Okay. And the proposal that you're now  
12 talking about is not -- you're not going to make a separate  
13 9019-type motion, or you are?

14 MR. STAMER: Your Honor, the -- and maybe I can  
15 clarify the comments that Mr. Qureshi made before about the  
16 settlement and the question that you asked.

17 As Your Honor knows, you can settle claims in  
18 connection with a plan of reorganization --

19 THE COURT: Yes, of course.

20 MR. STAMER: -- under 9019. As a plan proponent, if  
21 we're fortunate enough to be given the right to file a plan, we  
22 will be proposing to settle all of the tort claims, subros and  
23 the like, for an aggregate amount of twenty-four billion plus  
24 whatever we put in the next round.

25 THE COURT: But that's -- I mean, that's the nature of

**Exhibit 2**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
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In Re: ) Case No. 19-30088  
 ) Chapter 11  
PG&E CORPORATION AND PACIFIC )  
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY ) San Francisco, California  
 ) Monday, October 7, 2019  
Debtors. ) 10:00 AM

JOINT MOTION OF THE OFFICIAL  
COMMITTEE OF TORT CLAIMANTS  
AND AD HOC COMMITTEE OF  
SENIOR UNSECURED NOTEHOLDERS  
TO TERMINATE THE DEBTORS'  
EXCLUSIVE PERIODS PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 1121(D) (1) OF THE  
BANKRUPTCY CODE [3940]

MOTION TO APPROVE FEE  
PROCEDURES FILED BY BRUCE  
MARKELL [3950]

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE DENNIS MONTALI  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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1 MR. QURESHI: Sure.

2 THE COURT: -- exceeds your figure, right?

3 MR. QURESHI: Not exceeds, Your Honor. If estimation  
4 plus TUBS plus the government claims --

5 THE COURT: I'm backing your eleven billion for the  
6 (indiscernible) and just focusing on the fire victims. So  
7 that's fourteen and a half billion, right? Right?

8 MR. QURESHI: So you --

9 THE COURT: Right?

10 MR. QURESHI: Correct, so --

11 THE COURT: So if the estimation is sixteen billion  
12 for fire damage, what does that do to your plan?

13 MR. QURESHI: Our plan in that circumstance is not  
14 dead, Your Honor, because we have an agreement, a settlement,  
15 with the TCC for an aggregate cap of 25.5. So let's talk about  
16 a world where ours is the only plan -- not suggesting that  
17 that's the case, but just to test the --

18 THE COURT: Well, you'd like there to be, but at the  
19 moment, that isn't the case.

20 MR. QURESHI: And we're not suggesting today, Your  
21 Honor, that the debtor shouldn't be permitted to proceed with  
22 their plan. But just to illustrate this point. So our plan,  
23 we do not believe requires estimation.

24 THE COURT: No, I know that. I know that.

25 MR. QURESHI: Right?

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1 THE COURT: But that's not, but that --

2 MR. QURESHI: Right.

3 THE COURT: -- but until your plan is in and their  
4 plan is withdrawn, there's got to be an estimation if we want a  
5 compromise, right?

6 MR. QURESHI: We agree.

7 THE COURT: So you still haven't explained --

8 MR. QURESHI: We -- we --

9 THE COURT: I'll shut up and let you tell me, but  
10 explain to me --

11 MR. QURESHI: Sure.

12 THE COURT: -- what happens if the estimation exceeds  
13 14.5 for the victims.

14 MR. QURESHI: Our plan is still confirmable in that  
15 eventuality. Again, we have an agreement with the TCCs to have  
16 the aggregate liabilities to be 25.5 billion dollars,  
17 irrespective of what might happen in estimation. So we would  
18 then proceed to confirmation with our plan --

19 THE COURT: But -- but why -- but suppose -- wait a  
20 minute. If the estimation comes in more than the twenty-five  
21 and a half -- and again, it's easier for me to focus on the --

22 MR. QURESHI: Sure.

23 THE COURT: -- take the subrogation out. So if -- if  
24 magically I could tell Judge Donato plus TUBS jury says 18  
25 billion, how -- what -- well, your 14.5 is off the table. Who



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1 would ever vote for it?

2 MR. QURESHI: Well, Your Honor, the point is in that  
3 circumstance, unlike the equity holders, if it comes in above  
4 that number, we will have the ability, if it is necessary, to  
5 increase the recoveries in our plan. So the point --

6 THE COURT: And wouldn't PG&E have the similar ability  
7 to do it?

8 MR. QURESHI: Theoretically, Your Honor, that is  
9 right. But the point with the equity plan is they're not going  
10 to have an economic incentive to do that.

11 THE COURT: Why would your plans have an economic  
12 incentive?

13 MR. QURESHI: Because --

14 THE COURT: Well, it's the same numbers, right? The  
15 same residual value.

16 MR. QURESHI: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: No?

18 MR. QURESHI: Because of the absolute priority rule.  
19 Equity comes last. So the first thing that happens when claims  
20 start coming in about -- remember, in their plan, they are  
21 giving existing equity a seven-billion-dollar recovery. So  
22 when claims -- and that's premised upon an 18.9-billion-dollar  
23 cap on wildfire liabilities.

24 THE COURT: Yes, I understand.

25 MR. QURESHI: So if those liabilities come in above

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1 THE COURT: Okay, but I'm going to -- I -- I --

2 MR. QURESHI: Sure.

3 THE COURT: I gave you time and then I'm taking it  
4 away. What happens if the estimation comes in below your  
5 figure?

6 MR. QURESHI: The T --

7 THE COURT: Is your plan confirmable?

8 MR. QURESHI: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Well, why? Doesn't it --

10 MR. QURESHI: Because --

11 THE COURT: -- violate the absolute priority rule by  
12 overpaying the victims? In other words, again, I want to put  
13 the subrogation to the side, because that -- unless I'm missing  
14 something, that's a constant in both plans. So --

15 MR. QURESHI: It --

16 THE COURT: -- to me -- to me, your plan pays the  
17 victims fourteen and half billion, the PG&E plan that your  
18 challenging today offers them eight billion or 8.4 billion. So  
19 there's about a six-billion-dollar delta. But if the  
20 combination of district court estimation plus TUB fire jury  
21 comes up lower than your figure, it seems to me that's good for  
22 the victims, but it makes for an uncomfortable plan because  
23 they're over -- just as -- as the stockholders have argued, it  
24 overpays the claim -- the class.

25 MR. QURESHI: Let me try to be clear, Your Honor.

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1 MR. QURESHI: -- rather than a backup plan.

2 THE COURT: Well, the terms in the briefing, it was  
3 argued that it was kind of --

4 MR. QURESHI: Right.

5 THE COURT: -- when -- we need our plan because the  
6 other one is going to fail.

7 MR. QURESHI: And that absolutely is how we view it.  
8 Again, Your Honor, if the world comes to pass the way the  
9 equity holders hope that it will, which is underneath that  
10 18.9-billion-dollar number, then as drafted, our plan would not  
11 work and we concede that. What we are saying is, because there  
12 is a tremendous risk that estimation and TUBS and the  
13 government claims are going to come in well above that --

14 THE COURT: Right.

15 MR. QURESHI: -- it is just not a sensible risk for  
16 this estate to take, to find ourselves, at the conclusion of  
17 that process, in a place where the financing isn't there to  
18 satisfy those claims.

19 THE COURT: Okay. So --

20 MR. QURESHI: And the only --

21 THE COURT: So that's -- so that's the change that  
22 you've said. You -- that -- then when I ask for the change,  
23 your saying they haven't -- they haven't got a financeable plan  
24 at this point if the numbers come in higher.

25 MR. QURESHI: That's one of the changes. Absolutely

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1 right.

2 Another change, Your Honor, is that every creditor  
3 constituency in the case that has taken a position on whether  
4 to terminate exclusivity, with one exception in the subrogation  
5 holders that I will come to, is in favor of terminating  
6 exclusivity. The TCC, obviously the fiduciaries for what Your  
7 Honor has referred to as the involuntary Creditors here -- and  
8 you're going to here from Ms. Dumas -- the Official Creditor's  
9 Committee, another estate fiduciary, is in favor of terminating  
10 exclusivity, the debtor's largest union. The IBEW is in favor.

11 THE COURT: No, I know the list. I've got the list.

12 MR. QURESHI: Right. And so -- and the subrogation  
13 holders, Your Honor, the only reason they're objecting, under  
14 either plan they get an eleven-billion-dollar-allowed claim.  
15 They don't like the form of consideration in our plan, but they  
16 also signed an RSA in which the debtors preclude them from  
17 negotiating with us. When those shackles are lifted, Your  
18 Honor, we're confident that we can reach an agreement on the  
19 form of consideration with the subrogation holders.

20 And so -- and the public entities, by the way, that  
21 have the one-billion-dollar settlement with the debtors, that's  
22 adopted in our plan as well.

23 THE COURT: No, I'm aware of that.

24 MR. QURESHI: Okay. Right. So the way that all  
25 shakes out, Your Honor, is you have the equity owners, who

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1 MR. MARSHACK: Good morning, Your Honor. Your Honor,  
2 just a suggestion -- if we're running out of time, and as you  
3 and I have both agreed upon in the past, Judge Donato's pretty  
4 quick, if you would like to bring us all back this afternoon?

5 THE COURT: No.

6 MR. MARSHACK: Okay.

7 THE COURT: I don't.

8 MR. MARSHACK: We'll make it happen. PG&E says in  
9 their pleadings that they are ready, willing, and able to  
10 fairly and fully compensate wildfire victims for their losses.  
11 They say the amount is 8.4 billion dollars and -- but they are  
12 capping it at 8.4 billion. They will pay us in full, but they  
13 will give us a cap.

14 THE COURT: Well, that's the plan that's on the table.

15 MR. MARSHACK: That's the plan. But their words --

16 THE COURT: But Mr. Marshack, if Judge Donato hits  
17 them with a larger number, they have two choices, right: fold  
18 their tent or put the -- plug in the number. And from what Ms.  
19 Dumas says, the top of that number is thirteen and a half.

20 MR. MARSHACK: You say that, but the TCC's numbers and  
21 their financial advisors say they don't have any, to quote Ms.  
22 Dumas, gas in the tank.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. MARSHACK: That's one. And two, if they had more  
25 money, why aren't they putting it up? A lot of this, Your

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1 Honor, is just pure credibility. Hate to be the one that  
2 really brings this to light, but once upon a time, they said  
3 that subro was only owed 8.5 billion dollars, but now they say  
4 it's 11 billion.

5 THE COURT: But what did subro say they were owed,  
6 once upon a time, twenty billion, right?

7 MR. MARSHACK: Right.

8 THE COURT: Well, wasn't there a compromise from both  
9 sides? Both sides, both camps here compromised, essentially,  
10 the subro figure.

11 MR. MARSHACK: Correct.

12 THE COURT: That's a constant; that's for both plans.

13 MR. MARSHACK: Correct. But did the debtor give up  
14 all the last -- did they give up the last money they had? To  
15 make the subro agreement, to get them to vote for their plan,  
16 did they give up a last money they had to do so?

17 And my point is this, Your Honor: They say, once upon  
18 a time, that we were only owed 8.43 billion dollars, and that's  
19 what they say today. We are going to be owed more money.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Marshack, you might recall Mr. Orsini  
21 has said more than once that they haven't even, in some  
22 respects, haven't even admitted to that, because there had been  
23 no determination. But they obviously can't back out of a plan  
24 they've proposed, and the briefing that cites them in their  
25 public filings, they say what they say, but --

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1 what is the distributable value available.

2 THE COURT: Right.

3 MR. KAROTKIN: What is it? Not, are the claims worth  
4 this? Should they be paid this? Should seven billion dollars  
5 of equity value be taken away from the shareholders of this  
6 corporate?

7 THE COURT: But you also heard Ms. Dumas concede that,  
8 if the estimation by the District Court and/or Tubbs fire comes  
9 in higher, they're not going to try to get the higher number.  
10 So I mean, do you believe that?

11 MR. KAROTKIN: Do I believe it?

12 THE COURT: Well, do you believe that they're locked  
13 in? In other words --

14 MR. KAROTKIN: I don't know, Your Honor. Every day we  
15 get a new plan with different provisions from them.

16 THE COURT: Well, okay. But let's stick with the plan  
17 that they want to file. If Judge Donato makes a determination  
18 after the estimation trial and fixes a number that's higher  
19 than -- again, I'm going to back out the subro --

20 MR. KAROTKIN: Um-hum.

21 THE COURT: -- because that's a constant -- higher  
22 than thirteen and a half billion, I heard Ms. Dumas say the TCC  
23 will not try to get a higher number.

24 MR. KAROTKIN: And is Ms. Dumas, as you said, voting  
25 on this plan?

**Exhibit 3**



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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In re: )  
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PG&E CORPORATION, )  
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and ) No. 19-30088 (DM)  
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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,) Chapter 11  
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Debtors. )  
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<p>1 A Yeah, would you rephrase the question? 10:55:05</p> <p>2 Q Let me rephrase it.</p> <p>3 Other than representing the ad hoc</p> <p>4 subrogation group and its members in trying to reach</p> <p>5 a settlement, did these ad hoc professionals file</p> <p>10:55:11</p> <p>6 any lawsuits against the debtor, pro- -- line up</p> <p>7 beside the fire victims in any lawsuits to support</p> <p>8 the claims against the debtor, or anything else that</p> <p>9 would have created the atmosphere in which the</p> <p>10 debtor was agreeing to reach a settlement on these</p> <p>10:55:28</p> <p>11 claims?</p> <p>12 MR. McCALLEN: I'll object to form.</p> <p>13 THE WITNESS: Well, in the context of</p> <p>14 negotiating the settlement, there were a number of</p> <p>15 things the ad hoc group of professionals were</p> <p>10:55:40</p> <p>16 focused on, including the formulation and</p> <p>17 advancement of an alternative plan term sheet, which</p> <p>18 was filed with the court. There has been multiple</p> <p>19 meetings and outreach to your clients at the TCC in</p> <p>20 conjunction with trying to devise a comprehensive</p> <p>10:56:00</p> <p>21 settlement for fire victims that happened early on</p> <p>22 to advocate for the fire victims broadly.</p> <p>23 So I'd put that in the context of the</p> <p>24 overall landscape in creating momentum towards and</p> <p>25 pressure towards a settlement.</p> <p>10:56:22</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 106</p>	<p>1 findings and order, and then, in subparagraph 2 10:57:42</p> <p>2 below, the requirement that any holder of an other</p> <p>3 wildfire claim shall, quote, contain as a --</p> <p>4 sorry -- that any settlement with a holder of a</p> <p>5 wildfire claim shall contain as a condition of</p> <p>10:58:00</p> <p>6 payment or other distribution that the holder or</p> <p>7 holders of such claim contem- -- contemporaneously</p> <p>8 execute and deliver a release and waiver of any and</p> <p>9 all claims to the fullest extent permitted by law,</p> <p>10 and it continues on from there on the following</p> <p>10:58:14</p> <p>11 page.</p> <p>12 Do you see that section?</p> <p>13 A I do.</p> <p>14 Q Do you see the specific inclusion of</p> <p>15 present and former holders of subrogation wildfire</p> <p>10:58:26</p> <p>16 claims?</p> <p>17 A I do.</p> <p>18 Q Was this release intended to cover</p> <p>19 made-whole claims the fire victims might pursue?</p> <p>20 A It was intended to, again, memorialize the</p> <p>10:58:40</p> <p>21 concept of this plan, which is that all wildfire</p> <p>22 victims were being paid in full, which is a</p> <p>23 requirement of AB 1054 to -- to take advantage of</p> <p>24 AB 1054; that all wildfire claims have to be paid in</p> <p>25 full, so yes.</p> <p>10:59:00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p>
<p>1 BY MR. RICHARDSON: 10:56:23</p> <p>2 Q Other than trying to negotiate and obtain</p> <p>3 a percentage of recovery for their clients, did</p> <p>4 these ad hoc professionals file any litigation</p> <p>5 against the debtors or participate in litigation</p> <p>10:56:33</p> <p>6 against the debtors?</p> <p>7 A Would you consider filing an alternative</p> <p>8 plan and seeking to terminate exclusivity litigation</p> <p>9 against the debtors?</p> <p>10 Q If that's all you can identify, that --</p> <p>10:56:49</p> <p>11 that could be your answers.</p> <p>12 A And asides from appearing in court -- in</p> <p>13 court and objecting to certain other matters</p> <p>14 throughout these cases that relate to estimation,</p> <p>15 that relate to claims, there's been a whole series</p> <p>10:57:04</p> <p>16 of things, I think that you're aware of, that we've</p> <p>17 stood side by side with you on relating to all of</p> <p>18 these matters, so I'm not sure what your definition</p> <p>19 is of "litigation" vis-a-vis the debtors, but the</p> <p>20 record's very clear around the activities of the</p> <p>10:57:17</p> <p>21 ad hoc group.</p> <p>22 Q Turning -- at the bottom of the page, do</p> <p>23 you see, in subparagraph F, where it provides that:</p> <p>24 In accordance with the provisions of the RSA, the</p> <p>25 Confirmation Order shall contain the following</p> <p>10:57:39</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p>	<p>1 Q Did you have an understanding, based on 10:59:05</p> <p>2 any evidence at the time this agreement was signed,</p> <p>3 that the debtor was going to be paying all fire</p> <p>4 victims' claims in full?</p> <p>5 A Our understanding was that if the</p> <p>10:59:16</p> <p>6 settlement didn't represent a solvent debtor and</p> <p>7 didn't comply with 1054, this plan wouldn't be</p> <p>8 operable, which is why we have termination</p> <p>9 provisions specifically related to those two points.</p> <p>10 Q Was that an important term for you in this</p> <p>10:59:34</p> <p>11 settlement?</p> <p>12 A Yes.</p> <p>13 Q The requirement?</p> <p>14 A Yes.</p> <p>15 Q Did it comply with 1054?</p> <p>10:59:39</p> <p>16 A Of course.</p> <p>17 Q Do you know why, then, the subrogation</p> <p>18 group didn't conduct its own analysis to determine</p> <p>19 if it would actually be possible for the debtors to</p> <p>20 pay all other wildfire claims under this plan?</p> <p>10:59:49</p> <p>21 A One of the reasons is we don't have the</p> <p>22 information the debtor has relating to the scope and</p> <p>23 the landscape of these claims.</p> <p>24 Q Was it discussed with the debtors that</p> <p>25 entering into this settlement might force wildfire</p> <p>11:00:05</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 109</p>

**Exhibit 4**

October 21, 2019

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Re: In re PG&E Corp. and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Dear Counsel:

We have reviewed your objections to the pending motion to approve the settlement of subrogation claims and associated restructuring support agreement between the PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the “Debtors”) and the holders of subrogation claims (the “RSA”). In an effort to limit the issues in dispute ahead of this week’s hearing, the Ad Hoc Subrogation Group makes the following representations, which we understand to be consistent with the Debtors’ understanding of the RSA. With the following clarifications, we hope to address many of the concerns raised in your objections, and therefore significantly narrow the issues that need to be argued before the Court:

1. ***Plan Negotiations/Global Settlement:*** Consistent with Judge Montali’s stated desire to “facilitate negotiations for a global resolution and narrow the issues which are in

legitimate dispute,”<sup>1</sup> nothing in the RSA precludes the Debtors and the Ad Hoc Subrogation Group from negotiating together with any other creditor constituencies or participating in mediation to achieve global consensus. In fact, the settlement of subrogation claims for \$11 billion resolves one of the few remaining major open issues, and brings the cases one step closer to resolution.

2. ***Consequences of Insolvency:*** It was never the parties’ intention to require the Debtors to file a plan that would pay subrogation claimants \$11 billion in cash on \$11 billion of allowed claims if the Debtors are insolvent. Therefore, we are willing to clarify in an amendment to the RSA or the order approving the RSA, that if the Court determines the Debtors are insolvent, the Debtors will no longer be required to:
  - a. file a plan that pays subrogation claimants \$11 billion in cash on \$11 billion of allowed claims;
  - b. require that individual claimants in connection with a voluntary settlement release made whole claims per section 3(a)(iii) of the RSA for the portion of their allowed claims against the Debtors’ estates that are not fully satisfied under the revised plan; or
  - c. pursue a plan or confirmation order with the finding set forth in section 3(a)(v)(A) of the RSA.<sup>2</sup>

If the Court determines the Debtors are insolvent and the Debtors file a revised plan that does not pay the subrogation claimants \$11 billion in cash, the Consenting Creditors would be free to vote for or against any such revised plan. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the right to terminate the RSA and seek a higher claim as provided in the RSA, the subrogation claims will continue to be allowed in the aggregate amount of \$11 billion.

3. ***Releases:*** Three clarifications with respect to the releases referenced in section 3(a)(iii) of the RSA and Section 10.9(b) of the draft plan attached to the RSA:

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<sup>1</sup> *Order Granting Joint Motion of the Official Committee of Tort Claimants and the Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Unsecured Noteholders to Terminate the Debtors’ Exclusive Periods Pursuant of Section 1121(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 4167].

<sup>2</sup> Section 3(a)(v)(A) of the RSA provides as follows:

Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, for the duration of the Support Period, the Company shall . . . (v) propose and pursue the Plan and seek entry of a Confirmation Order that contain (and the Plan and Confirmation Order shall contain) the following provisions, findings and orders, as applicable in substantially the form set forth below (the “Findings and Orders”): (A) the Bankruptcy Court “has determined that the resolution of the insolvency proceeding provides funding or establishes reserves for, provides for assumption of, or otherwise provides for satisfying any prepetition wildfire claims asserted against the electrical corporation in the insolvency proceeding in the amounts agreed upon in any pre-insolvency proceeding settlement agreements or any post-insolvency settlement agreements, authorized by the court through an estimation process or otherwise allowed by the court.”

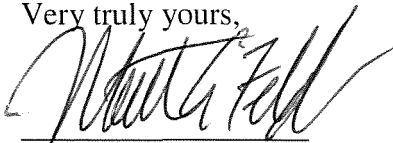
*First.* As previously communicated to counsel to the Official Committee of Tort Claimants (the "TCC") in person at the October 7 hearing, and in writing by letter dated October 8, the releases of subrogation claim holders are intended to narrowly address claims related to the bankruptcy and the Debtors' restructuring and any made whole claims that may be asserted relating to the 2017 and 2018 wildfires by individual plaintiffs who elect to settle their claims against the Debtors or a post-effective date trust (individually or as a group). There is no intention to impose a release of ordinary-course insurance claims by insureds arising under their insurance policies.

*Second.* The Ad Hoc Subrogation Group would support revising the Debtors' plan to require claimants to opt-in to releases, consistent with the Bondholders/TCC's plan, at least with respect to any release of subrogation claimants under the plan.

*Third.* Per section 3(a)(iii) of the RSA, payments to individual holders of wildfire claims that *settle* their claims against the Debtors or a post-effective date trust (individually or as a group) will be conditioned on executing a release of any made whole claims against insurers and their assignees. Individual plaintiffs that litigate their claims to judgment will have no such requirement. We expect to work with the TCC to ensure the form release is drafted to narrowly address only its intended purpose.

4. ***RSA Amendments:*** material RSA amendments will be noticed to the Court and parties in interest with an opportunity to respond, to make sure any material adjustment to the settlement passes muster under the applicable legal standard.

Very truly yours,



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